

# THE FAIR.

## Our Great Inventory Sale!

After the rush and whirl of the past few weeks comes the general clearing up and inventory. That there has been some wreckage goes without saying, to those that witnessed the crowded condition of store for the two weeks and more before Christmas.

But what is our loss we mean to make your gain, especially will you find it so in Toilet Sets and Dinner Sets.

It needs very close inspection to find one imperfection and yet some of them have a nick or one piece gone, but in place of the nick you will find a large hole in the price and when one piece is missing two are gone from the price.

Until inventory is taken all perfect goods in these two departments can be bought at 10 per cent off.

## THE SYNDICATE FAIR STORE,

No. 8 EAST MAIN ST., MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

Other Stores—Carbondale, Pittston, Hazelton, Mahanoy City and Shamokin, Pa.

## THE CUBANS GIVE IN

Say They See the Wisdom of Ludlow's Action.

### THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TOMORROW

Impressive Ceremonies Will Attend the Flag Raising—Castellanos to Go at Once to

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—At 10 o'clock tomorrow, Jan. 1, the United States troops will occupy the plaza in front of the captain general's palace and the adjacent streets. The Spanish soldiers withdrawing and proceeding to the transports awaiting them. Captain General Castellanos and the members of his staff will remain in the captain general's apartments.

Early in the morning details of United States troops will enter Morro Castle and Cabanas fortress, the Spanish troops thereupon withdrawing to the transports, with the exception of a detachment of artillerymen, who will remain behind to fire a salute to the American flag.

The United States military commissioners and their staffs, Major General Brooke, military governor of the island; Major General Lee, military governor of the province of Havana; Major General Ludlow, military governor of the city of Havana, and Commodore John W. Philip, commander of the United States naval forces at Havana, with their staffs, will join Captain General Castellanos tomorrow noon in the state saloon of the palace. On the palace roof will be a Spanish officer, provost of captain's rank, sergeants and a guard of privates, with Major Butler and a detail of United States infantry.

Immediately following the hoisting of the American salute to the red and golden flag of Spain the Spanish officer will lower the flag, and Major Butler will raise the stars and stripes, the Spanish guns saluting. The latter salute will carry its special significance to the brilliant company inside the palace, and Captain General Castellanos in a few words will transfer the government to Major General Wade of the United States military commission, who, after replying to the captain general, will transfer it to Major General Brooke, military governor of Cuba.

As soon as these ceremonies are over Captain General Castellanos will leave the palace, escorted by a United States guard, proceeding across the plaza to the steamer Habat, upon which he will embark for Matanzas. As the captain general crosses the plaza the United States troops drawn up there will salute.

A short reception will follow in the state saloon, after which the American general and naval commanders will go to the Hotel Inglaterra to review a column of United States troops.

Lieutenant Wade, the son of Major General Wade, will raise the American flag over Morro Castle and Fitz-Hugh Lee, Jr., over Cabanas fortress. It appears that the Spanish naval authorities have offered to sell privately the signal flags, staffs and other aids to navigation at Morro Castle. When the United States military commissioners heard of it, Brigadier General Clous protested to Captain General Castellanos. The latter, who said he was quite unaware of any such attempt, promptly issued orders to the contrary.

The United States military commissioners will probably sail for the United States on Jan. 7.

The address of the Junta patriótica regarding the abandonment of the proposed demonstrations has been widely circulated.

It is as follows:

"To the People of Havana:

"In accordance with the wishes of the American authorities the directory of the Junta patriótica, after consultation with the main committee has

agreed to suspend the festivities planned to celebrate the independence of the island. In a reasonable letter to the commission charged with presenting the festival programme General Ludlow has indicated the desirability of suspending for the present public demonstrations owing to a fear that at the present moment, when the Cuban police are not yet organized, there might be some interruption of public order, in the observation of which all citizens, and especially all Cubans, are deeply interested.

"At the same time General Ludlow declares that the American authorities are in sympathy with the joyous feeling of the Cubans and that when the situation becomes more settled they will take pleasure in promoting such festivals as have been proposed and will even participate in them. But the American authorities are convinced that the present moment is not opportune for celebrations.

"In view of the fact that the considerations thus urged are quite in accord with obvious good judgment the representatives of the directory have determined to suspend the festivals arranged for the coming week, which will be carried out as soon as circumstances permit. The directory regrets the existence of such doubts and misgivings as prevent the carrying out of the programme as projected, but they have agreed to recommend to the Cubans to co-operate in maintaining order during the change of flags and in the days following, because they are convinced that the moderation and orderly behavior of the Cuban people at these moments will powerfully influence the future destiny of our country."

**New Silver Certificates.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Samples of the new 1899 issue of \$1 silver certificates were shown at the treasury department yesterday. They are printed from entirely new designs and are practically free from the defects of the old issues. The numerals are very large, and thus the danger of being raised is materially reduced. The distinguishing feature of the face of the notes is a spread eagle with a United States flag in its talons and the United States capital building in the distance. Miniature portraits of Lincoln and Grant surrounded by laurel wreaths are placed on the lower line of the face of the note, and one large numeral and the seal are printed in blue. The back of the note is printed in green.

**The Bolivian Revolution.**  
LIMA, Peru, via Galveston, Dec. 31.—President Alfaro of Ecuador authorizes an absolute denial of the reports of the capture of Tulcan, capital of Carabí province, and the siege of Quito, the Ecuadorian capital, by invading revolutionary forces under General Rivas. According to advices from La Paz, capital of Bolivia, it is reported there that the advance guard of the troops under President Alonzo sent against the revolutionists has made common cause with them.

**Harvey Syndicate Successful.**  
HAVANA, Dec. 31.—By the formal transfer, made Thursday night, the American syndicate formed by G. B. M. Harvey acquired title to the Urban Ferro Carril lines of street railway in Havana, thus outwitting all opposition in the form of other American and English syndicates. Those who concluded the deal are still liable to the arrest with which Civil Governor de Castro threatens them. For that reason the transfer was secretly attested by a notary.

**Naval Movements.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The navy department is informed that the gunboat Wilmington has arrived at San Juan, Porto Rico, on her way to Trinidad and the Orinoco country. The gunboat Wheeling is at San Francisco. The collier Cassius has been placed out of commission. The auxiliary cruiser Mayflower has sailed from Manzanillo for Oahu. The collier Sterling has left Honolulu for San Juan, Porto Rico.

## MRS. BOTKIN GUILTY

Convicted of Murder in the First Degree.

### PRISONER WEPT IN COURT ROOM.

Broken Down by District Attorney's Arrangement—End of a Sensational Case, Which Has a Rival in New York's Poison Mystery.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Cordella Botkin was last night found guilty of the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning of Dover, Del., by sending her a box of poisoned candy through the mails. The jury's verdict was that Mrs. Botkin was guilty of murder in the first degree, and the punishment was fixed at imprisonment for life.

Arguments in the case were completed late yesterday afternoon, and Judge Carroll Cook, who presided at the time, at once read his charge to the jury. The jury then retired for deliberation. It was expected that there would be some difficulty in arriving at a verdict, and there was considerable surprise when it was known that an agreement had been reached.

Judge Cook's charge was an impartial one. He reviewed the evidence and explained the law of circumstantial evidence, from which he liberally quoted. The charge occupied one hour and ten minutes.

Assistant District Attorney Hosmer in his closing argument traced the career of Dunning and Mrs. Botkin to a point at which he said the woman, sick at heart at the idea of his deserting her and eager for his presence, killed the woman who stood in the way.

Mrs. Botkin looked like one in a nightmare. Tears streamed from her eyes all day. Her features are now set in a despairing mold. Her two sisters, all three shrouded in heavy veils, sat drooping and weeping with her.

Mr. Hosmer ridiculed the defense for its contention that members of the police department in this city or even the chemists themselves might have inserted the poison to make out a case. He addressed the jury on the rights of witnesses and contended that all were entitled to respect and credit until disproved, as none of those for the prosecution had been. The attorneys for the defense attacked all the witnesses for the prosecution and introduced matters entirely irrelevant to the case in an attempt to besmirch them and belittle their testimony.

He attacked Mr. Knight particularly and characterized his efforts to free his client as dishonest and despicable. He showed that in spite of Mrs. Botkin's statements and the assertions of the defense to the contrary the woman had more than passing regard for Dunning. He pointed to Dunning's action in traveling across the continent to prosecute her, and asserted that Dunning would not have gone through what he had unless he was certain of the guilt of Mrs. Botkin.

He took up the letter of June 17, 1897, which the defense contended had been mailed in this city when Mrs. Botkin was living in Eureka. The letter asserted that Dunning was financially embarrassed and that the woman with whom Dunning was infatuated was divorced. He proved by Mrs. Botkin's own testimony that she and Dunning alone knew of his financial condition and showed by the testimony of Dunning that Mrs. Botkin had told him on his return from Salt Lake that she had procured a divorce. Mr. Hosmer argued that the letter could have been sent from Eureka to San Francisco on the steamer Farallon and mailed here on its arrival.

**Canadian Fishery Question.**  
LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Paris correspondent of The Daily Mail asserts that there is no reason to believe the French government contemplates making any proposition regarding French shore rights in Newfoundland. The article in this morning's Mail, suggesting that France would probably be inclined to renounce all rights along the Newfoundland French shore provided the compensation were large enough, is regarded as a balloon d'essai and does not please the government. The Liberte suggests that England should give the whole right bank of the Niger and certain territory toward Lake Tchad as compensation. Meanwhile the St. Malo fishermen are preparing for their annual season in Newfoundland waters.

**Newfoundland's War Preparations.**  
ST. JOHN'S, N. F. Dec. 31.—Sir Herbert Murray, the governor of Newfoundland, has dispatched by the British cruiser Pelican important charts and data respecting the proposed fortifications here and the establishment of a naval reserve among the fishermen. The French government, following Great Britain's example, will strengthen its squadron in Newfoundland waters next season, appointing to the command Commodore Henrique, bureau chief at the French naval hydrographic office.

**New York Commissioner to Paris.**  
ALBANY, Dec. 31.—Governor Black has appointed A. E. Bonesteel of Troy as a member of the commission to represent New York state at the Paris exposition.

**Dreyfus Rumor Persistent.**  
LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Paris correspondent of The Daily News avers that, despite all official denials, Dreyfus is already on his way to France.

**Fire in Victoria, B. C.**  
VICTORIA, B. C. Dec. 31.—Fire broke out yesterday in a cigar store on Government street and caused damage to the extent of \$35,000.

**Mediterranean Storms.**  
PARIS, Dec. 31.—Terrible weather is reported in the eastern Mediterranean. Several mail boats have been damaged.

### DUN'S REVIEW.

Smallest Number of Failures This Year Since 1892.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Failures in the year 1898 have been 12,192 in number, with liabilities amounting to \$148,684,261 against \$182,581,771 in 1897. \$276,814,975 in 1896, \$192,906,270 in 1895 and \$198,658,891 in 1894. In this statement banking failures are included with liabilities of \$18,706,590 against \$28,249,700 last year and \$60,713,915 in 1896. The commercial failures were 12,112 in number and \$129,964,361 in amount against \$154,332,071 last year and \$226,096,060 in 1896. Manufacturing were \$56,761,622 against \$67,685,038 last year and \$98,463,351 in 1896, and trading were \$61,886,943 against \$74,499,908 last year and \$109,046,620 in 1896. The number of failures, 1.06 per cent of the firms reported in business, though smaller than in any other year since 1892, is somewhat swelled by the multitude of small traders who start without adequate capital, so that the average liabilities per failure is smaller than in any other year of the 24 for which full records exist.

The year 1898 has not only been one of victory, of important increase in territory and of incalculable expansion of the influence of the United States among other nations, but has surpassed all other years in financial and industrial results. The center of financial power has crossed the ocean. After paying debts of several hundred millions abroad and conducting a war to an honorable end the country is lending so many millions in Europe that for the first time banks abroad look to New York to dictate the rate of exchange. Exports were about \$1,250,000,000, and the excess over imports about \$617,000,000 against \$357,000,000 in 1897, and in only two previous years has the balance risen to \$300,000,000. November passed all previous months in value of produce exports over imports, but December has gone much beyond November.

### A MISSOURI TRAGEDY.

Two Men Killed and Two Fatally Injured.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 31.—A special to The Post-Dispatch from West Plains, Mo., says:

"It was definitely learned yesterday that two men were killed and two others probably fatally injured at Ambrose, in Ozark county, Thursday, in a fight with William Barton.

"H. C. Cobb and his son Andrew went to Barton's house to arrest him and obtain the reward offered for his apprehension on the charge of killing a man in north Missouri. Barton began hostilities at once, killing young Cobb and fatally wounding his father. The news quickly reached Gainesville, where a posse was organized under Sheriff Luna and started for the scene of the killing.

"Barton's house was surrounded by the posse. Henry Winger, who approached a window, was shot and killed by Barton, who then cut his own throat and surrendered.

"It is supposed that Barton was taken to Gainesville, but this is not known. He may have died from his wounds, or he may have been lynched by this time, as reports from Ozark county say that intense excitement prevails there over the affair."

**Army Commission at Kingston.**  
KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 31.—The governor, after arranging to receive the United States army commissioners, Lieutenant Colonel R. N. O'Reilly, who will be chief surgeon at Havana during the American occupation, and Lieutenant Weston, who arrived here on the hospital ship Bay State Dec. 28, under orders from Surgeon General Sternberg, to study the methods now in use in the island of Jamaica for protecting soldiers from fatal infectious diseases and from the injurious effects of climatic influences, postponed the interview from Thursday until yesterday. The Americans, however, have been cordially received, they have been granted all the facilities necessary to carry out their work, and social invitations have been extended to them. Local critics declare the governor was afraid to receive the commissioners until he could communicate with the imperial government.

### Roosevelt in Albany.

ALBANY, Dec. 31.—Governor Eliot Roosevelt, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, their six children and household servants, arrived in this city at 4:15 yesterday afternoon on the Southwest-bound limited train of the Central-Hudson railroad. The party was met by William E. H. Youngs, the governor's private secretary, and Colonel G. C. Truitt, well, the governor's military secretary. It was raining at the time, but in spite of that fact there were fully 300 people at the station. The trip from New York city was without incident. Colonel Roosevelt had no announcements to make when he arrived. The governor elect and his family, accompanied by the two secretaries, were driven direct to the executive mansion, where they were received by Governor and Mrs. Black. Both families had dinner together at the executive mansion.

**Army Departments in Cuba.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The war department last night issued an order establishing two departments in and about Havana, namely, the department of Havana, comprising the city proper, suburbs and an area of about 10 square miles, and the department of the province of Havana, comprising the territory outside of the city proper. Major General Ludlow is assigned to command the department comprising the city and suburbs and Major General Lee is assigned to the department outside of the city.

**Re Rubens Plague at Delagoa.**  
PRETORIA, South African Republic, Dec. 31.—An official contradiction is given to the report that the Rubens plague has been cut in the Delagoa bay district.

## A REVOLT IN GUAM.

Governor Appointed by Captain Glass Deposed.

### A SPANISH GARRISON MASSACRED.

Story Brought to Manila by a British Schooner, Which Tells Also of a Massacre of Spaniards in the Carolines.

MANILA, Dec. 31.—The British schooner Emeralda, which has just arrived here from the Ladrone islands, reports that after the United States cruiser Charleston left the island of Guam, in June last, the Spaniards refused to recognize the authority of Francis Portusach, who was verbally authorized by Captain Glass to continue his former office as governor, and Jose Sisto, a former public administrator, was declared governor. He armed part of the native guard, collected a tax of \$4 a head and secreted 15 tons of powder and a small stock of ammunition when the island was taken by the Americans.

The schooner also reports the massacre of the Spanish garrison by the combined native forces at Panopi, Caroline islands. Henry Naoti, an educated chief, has been selected to be the ruler. He is reported to be favorable to Americans.

The British cruiser Buenaventura has gone to Iloilo to protect British interests there.

The Spanish steamer Romulus, which has just arrived here, confirms the report that the insurgents at Iloilo are inclined to surrender that town to the Americans if they are satisfied with the form of government which will be accorded them.

Francis Portusach, whom the officers of the United States cruiser Charleston left in charge of the Ladrone islands, being the only American citizen there, is a native of Spain, where he was born about 30 years ago. He took out his citizenship papers in Chicago in the year 1888. He is said to be the son of a wealthy merchant of Barcelona. He came to this country in the early eighties and spent most of his time in Chicago. Portusach left Chicago in 1890 and went to Tacoma, thence he went to San Francisco and from there to the Ladrone islands.

Panopi may mean the island of Puy-nipet, also referred to as Bonabe and Panape. It is probably the second in size of the Caroline group, known as the Carolines proper.

### Duplicates of the Cornish Box.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Last night the police authorities of Newark, N. J., gave out the following list of dealers who purchased holders similar to the one sent to Cornish from Lebkuechner & Co.: Daniel Low, Salem, Mass.; Black, Starr & Frost, 438 Fifth avenue, New York city; C. Hartogon of this city; Greenleaf & Crosby, Jacksonville, Fla.; Raminger & Co., Baltimore, Md.; Straus, Brooklyn; Becker & Lathrop, Syracuse, Middle-town Plate company, Middle-town, Conn.; Phelps & Adams, San Francisco; S. Deses, Washington; George Evans, Philadelphia; Mermod, Jaccard Jewelry company, St. Louis; Spaulding & Co., Chicago; Stephens & Co., Chicago; and Cook & Jacques, Trenton.

### Sam Small on Army Chaplains.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Chaplain Sam Small of the Third volunteer engineers, referring to his recent remarks concerning army chaplains, says: "What I really said was sadly garbled in the boiling down process. I believe army chaplains can do great good if provided with proper equipments in the way of tents, music, lights and lumber for seats, etc. I have no complaint myself, because the officers and men in our regiment have voluntarily helped provide these things. But chaplains generally are not so fortunate, and it was for them I spoke when I said and repeat that unless they are better equipped for work they had better be omitted from the army scheme altogether."

### Postal Concession From Canada.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Canadian government in a telegram from Postmaster General Mulock to Postmaster General Emory Smith announces that it has reduced the domestic letter rate from 3 to 2 cents per ounce, commencing Jan. 1. Under the convention between the United States and Canada letters are sent from this country to Canada for 2 cents, the domestic rate of each country applying to each letter sent. The reduction now made is reciprocal and for the first time permits letters to be sent from the other side at 2 instead of 3 cents.

### Zola Has Startling Documents.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Several of the morning papers publish an interview with M. Emile Zola, who says he is only kept in England by the entreaties of his wife and the urgent advice of Maitre Labori, his Paris counsel. But for them he would return to Paris. His leisure here he has utilized, he says, to finish his novel, "La Bousculade." M. Zola says he possesses "startling documents" concerning the relations of General Zurlinden, military governor of Paris, with the Bonapartists.

### Japan's New Cruiser Is Fast.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal. Dec. 31.—The new Japanese cruiser Chitose started out to make her trial trip yesterday, but 40 minutes after the beginning a leak was discovered in the port condenser and she returned to her anchorage. She easily made the required speed of 22½ knots while under way.

### William Will Visit Rome.

ROME, Dec. 31.—The Tribune confirms the report that Emperor William will visit Rome next April.

### Spanish Gunboats Go Home.

HAVANA, Dec. 31.—The Spanish gunboats Herman Cortes and Pizarro sailed for Spain.

### SENOR ROMERO'S FUNERAL.

To Be Held Tomorrow—President McKinley and Cabinet to Attend.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The funeral of Senor Romero, the late Mexican ambassador, will take place at St. Matthew's Catholic church tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, when a requiem low mass will be celebrated. The body will be placed temporarily in a vault in Mount Olivet cemetery to await the ability of Mrs. Garcia to return to Mexico. She is now ill and probably will not be able to make the journey for some weeks. The following have been selected honorary pallbearers: The British ambassador, the German ambassador, the secretary of state, the secretary of the treasury, the minister of Venezuela, the minister of Guatemala, Senator John T. Morgan, Representative R. R. Hitt, ex-Secretary John W. Foster and Mr. John W. Thompson.

At the cabinet meeting yesterday it was agreed that the president and all the members of his cabinet should attend the funeral services Sunday afternoon and that United States Minister Powell Clayton, at the City of Mexico, should be instructed by telegram to convey to the president of Mexico a message of sympathy and condolence from the president and people of the United States over the death of Senor Romero.

Many telegrams of condolence have been received at the embassy, most of them coming from Mexico.

### OFF FOR CUBA.

Nearly Three Thousand Men Sail From Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 31.—Nearly 3,000 United States troops sailed from this city to Cuba yesterday. The transports Minnewaska and Manitoba went out on the morning tide, and the Ward line steamer Saratoga went to sea later in the day. On the first named ship there were General Bates, his headquarters, the brigade hospital and the Sixth regiment of Ohio volunteers, bound for Cienfuegos; the Manitoba carried General Sanger, his headquarters and the Twelfth regiment of New York volunteers, while the Saratoga carried 24 men of the First regular infantry. In addition to the troops each vessel carried an immense quantity of supplies, provisions, baggage, lumber, etc.

The Saratoga goes to Havana, while the Manitoba takes General Sanger and his staff to Matanzas, of which city and district he will have military charge. The Manitoba and Saratoga will reach their respective destinations tomorrow, but the voyage of the Minnewaska will consume at least five days.

### CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Embassador Romero of Mexico died in Washington.

Boston's new railroad depot, said to be the largest in the world, was dedicated yesterday.

The cabinet at Madrid has decided to send funds to Cuba for the repatriation of the Spanish soldiers.

Emma, the queen dowager of Holland, is reported to be suffering from a serious internal malady.

The British steamer Glenavon wrecked on a rock near Hongkong. Part of the crew was rescued.

General Greely of the army corps has arranged to lay cables between the larger Philippine islands.

Work has been begun on the battleship Ohio at San Francisco, which is to be one of the three largest vessels in the American navy.

A flag presented to the war department by New Jersey veterans will be the first American flag to wave over Morro Castle, Havana.

### No News From Hillo.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—A cablegram was received at the war department yesterday from General Otis, in command at Manila, but to the disappointment of the officials he announced that he had not yet heard of the result of the landing of General Miller's force at Hillo. Provision has been made by the navy department for the establishment of a mail service between Manila and Guam, our new naval station in the Pacific. Admiral Dewey has been instructed that after the Yosemite arrives at Manila he must send a mail to the island of Guam at least once in every two months, using any vessel of the navy available for the service.

### Year's Shipping at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Dec. 31.—During the past season 5,550 vessels, representing a tonnage of \$129,918, entered, and 5,643 vessels, with a tonnage of \$134,739, cleared from this port, a total of 11,193 vessels and 12,261,117 tons. Compared with last year this is a decrease of 300 vessels, but an increase of \$2,821 in the tonnage. The increase in the size of the lake vessels has been very marked during the past season and promises to be even more so next year.

### Entombed by a Cave In.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 31.—Eight men were entombed by a cave in at No. 8 shaft of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company at Wanamie yesterday afternoon. After a heroic rescue, five of the men were taken out alive. The other three are still shut in, but it is expected they will be rescued. There is more than a possibility that they are alive.

### Drowned Trying to Save a Woman.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Harry Hoffman of New Rochelle and Grace Moran of Pelham were drowned yesterday at Berrigton pond, between New Rochelle and Pelham. Hoffman lost his life in an effort to save Miss Moran, who had broken through the ice and was drowning.

### Magician Chief Captured.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—According to the Pretoria correspondent of The Times, the police of the British South Africa Chartered company have captured the chief of the Magazos tribe in the Zoutpans Berg district and sent him to Bulawayo.



## THE CURZONS AT BOMBAY.

More and Stripes Prominent in the Celebration.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Bombay correspondent of The Times says: "The stars and stripes were prominent in the flag display on the arrival of Lord and Lady Curzon. The natives showed their eagerness to obtain a look at their new ruler. Lord Curzon's replies to the various addresses presented, while promising to give earnest consideration to what was recommended and declaring a willingness to profit by the advice of members of the Chambers of commerce and other bodies, firmly declined at the present stage to make any pronouncement on the currency or other problems facing India. A feature of the reception was the cordiality of all the castes."

The Bombay correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "Lord Curzon's speech made a favorable impression. His promises to hold the scales even between the natives and ruling communities was generally commented on. The viceroy was ruddy and beaming in a white hat and gray frock coat, with the decoration of the Star of India. Lady Curzon was charming in a dress of pale green, cut rather low, a necklace of pearls and a white picture hat."

On entering the native city there were no troops, the viceroy preferring to meet the natives without a military display. This tactful arrangement was greatly appreciated. This part of Bombay fairly swarmed with the most diverse nationalities and costumes. Lord and Lady Curzon took their children with them in the procession. The youngsters stood the voyage well. "General surprise was expressed that Lord Curzon should look almost bucolic, and the natives were struck by his youthful appearance. In traveling to Calcutta strict orders have been issued that no train is to pass the vice-regal special between stations. The vice-regal party will not travel by night. The train will be shunted to a siding, where the party will sleep until daybreak."

## Beginning Work on the Mercedes.

SANTIAGO, Dec. 31.—The Merritt & Chapman Wrecking company's outfit arrived here yesterday to raise the former Spanish cruiser Reina Mercedes, which was sunk on the edge of the channel leading to Santiago harbor during the first bombardment of the city. The wrecking outfit has arrived none too soon. For several weeks the cruiser, which projects at least 100 feet over the edge of the channel bank, has been slipping perceptibly toward deep water, and she would ultimately have blocked the channel. The superintendent expects to be able to raise the Reina Mercedes in two weeks, a course greatly preferable to dynamiting her. When raised, the vessel will probably be worth to the United States government more than \$250,000, and a great danger to Santiago shipping will be removed.

## An Army Beef Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—As a result of the issue between General Miles and General Egan concerning the quality of the beef supplied to the army and on the written request of General Egan, the war department last night issued a special order for the assembling of a board of officers in Washington on next Tuesday at 10 a. m. to inquire into the general subject of the quality of the beef supplied and particularly as to the responsibility for the loss of 300,000 pounds of refrigerated beef sent to Porto Rico when the expedition under General Miles was there.

## Mining Concessions in China.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The terms of the final contract relating to the concession to the Anglo-American syndicate of mining and railway privileges in the province of Szechuan have been agreed upon and are being signed. Szechuan is undoubtedly the richest as well as the most promising in China. Great Britain and the United States get the greatest share of the Chinese and other nations getting the balance."

## Boys Drowned While Skating.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 31.—Frank and Joseph, aged 12 and 10, sons of Frank Blessington of Rock Falls, were drowned in the pond back of the Rock Falls wooden mill last night. They went on the ice to skate and Joseph broke through. In trying to save him Frank, who could swim, was carried under the ice.

## Our Spanish Gunboats.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Spanish gunboats Santa and Alvaro, now at Annapolis, Md., were brought to the Boston navy yard before being taken to their station at the Portsmouth navy yard.

## The Massachusetts Shoe Strike.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—Giving up without success after a week on the part of Mayor Holt and the merchants, directed by Chief Wadsworth, to persuade the shoe makers to return to work, the city authorities at last decided to call out the police to enforce the law.

## New York Markets.

FLOUR—State and western more active and higher with wheat. Winter patents \$3.74, winter straights \$3.49, 26. Minors \$3.40, 25. 24 \$3.40, winter extras \$2.70.

WHEAT—No. 2 and showed remarkable strength and activity on covering a good way west and increased bull speculation. March 77 1/2-78 1/2, May 74 1/2-75 1/2.

RYE—Firm state No. 2 western 62 1/2-63 1/2, 64 1/2-65 1/2.

CORN—No. 2 strong and higher with wheat. May 4 1/2-4 3/4.

OATS—No. 2 quiet. Black, white, state 50 1/2-51 1/2, 52 1/2-53 1/2, 54 1/2-55 1/2, 56 1/2-57 1/2.

PORK—Firm mess \$9.90, family \$10.25.

LARD—Firm prime western steam, \$5.80, nominal.

BUTTER—Firm state dairy 15-18c, state country 12-15c.

CHEESE—Firm large white 10c, small white 9c.

EGGS—Firm state and Pennsylvania 27 1/2-28c, western 27c.

SUGAR—Raw irregular and nominal fair refining, centrifugal 9c test 40c; refined dull crushed, 5 1/2c; powdered, 6 1/2c.

MOLASSES—Firm New Orleans 10c.

COFFEE—Firm 10c.

TEA—Firm 10c.

SPICES—Firm 10c.

PEPPERS—Firm 10c.

ONIONS—Firm 10c.

POTATOES—Firm 10c.

CARROTS—Firm 10c.

CELERY—Firm 10c.

CAULIFLOWERS—Firm 10c.

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PUBLISHER.  
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City Editor.

Fling out your flag, to-morrow, in celebration of the fact that Spanish sovereignty on the western hemisphere is at an end.

The Democratic State Committee of Kansas has formally resolved that there shall be no more fusion with the Populists. It was high time such a decision was arrived at. The capture of a few local offices through fusion does not at all compensate for responsibility for the freaks and vagaries of Populism. Defeat is far preferable to participation in the mad dance that the Kansas Pops are leading.

Our colored brethren are opposed to expansion. The Afro-American Council, which claims to have purposes worthy of its name, in session at Washington, hissed McKinley's name, and the tenor of all the speeches was that until the United States can protect the negroes within its borders it has no business to add 10,000,000 more blacks to its population. The council is expected not only to go on record as against expansion, but to issue an address advising negroes to array themselves against the party of expansion.

New Jersey's Dairy Commissioner, in his annual report, says that the demand for milk inspection is more urgent than ever before, not because of adulteration in the ordinary sense of the word, but because of the increasing use of chemical preservatives. The preservative most generally used is a strong antiseptic made from wood alcohol and known as "frezine," "calarine" and "special M." The Dairy Commissioner says that the use of this chemical is becoming almost universal during the summer months, and chemists agree that it causes much sickness among children.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Special Meeting, Friday Night.—Committee Appointed to Confer With Board of Health—State Health Board's Suggestion to the Local Board.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held, Friday night, at which President Powelson and members Finn and Martin were delegated to confer with the Board of Health in regard to opening the schools, the time fixed by the Board of Health when sanitary improvements must be begun expiring Tuesday, Jan. 8.

The committee will meet with the Board of Health at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

President Powelson, of the Board of Education, has been in correspondence with the State Board of Health and that body asked the local Health Board to defer the enforcement of its order in regard to closing the schools until a sanitary inspector can be sent here by the State Board to examine into the condition of the school buildings and report thereon, whether there is any emergency that warrants summary action.

It is probable that the local Health Board will be guided by the State Board's suggestion.

The president was also authorized to take steps to secure the balance of the requisition for 1898 from the Common School Council.

## "Chimes of Normandie."

To accommodate those who wish to avoid the rush at the opening of the doors on Monday, the box office at the Casino will be open for the sale of tickets from 10 a. m. to 12 m. Remember the price of admission are only 35 and 25 cents, and children 15 cents.

## In the Early Closing Movement.

The hardware stores have agreed to join the early closing movement, and beginning Tuesday, will close at 6 o'clock except on Monday and Saturday evenings.

The jewelers have also agreed to close.

## Injured by a Fall.

Jacob Flynn, of 336 Cottage street, who has been employed on the Anglo-Swiss ice house at Burnside, fell thirty-five feet, this morning, and was badly bruised. He was brought home on O. and W. No. 1.

## To Test Wurtzboro's New Water Works

Chief Higman will go to Wurtzboro, next week, on the request of the authorities, to test the water pressure from the new reservoir.

## STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, } ss

LUCAS COUNTY.  
FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that the said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.  
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 8th day of December, A. D., 1898.

A. W. GLEASON,  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

P. J. A. DUNN & CO., Toledo, O.  
Hall's Catarrh Cure.

## THE OATH OF OFFICE.

Roosevelt and New State Officers Swear In.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ALBANY, Dec. 31.—Gov.-elect Roosevelt took the oath of office at 12:10 o'clock, to-day.

The oath was taken before Secretary of State John Palmer and a large gathering of State officials.

Succeeding the solemn pledge of Governor-elect Roosevelt to uphold the constitution of the State and faithfully perform the duties of the public trust reposed in him, four of the other six State officers who will assume duties, to-morrow, were sworn in. They were Secretary of State-elect McDonough, Comptroller-elect Morgan, Attorney General-elect Davies and State Treasurer-elect Jaekel. Neither Lieutenant Governor Woodruff nor State Engineer and Surveyor Bond was present, and therefore they could not be sworn at this time. The ceremony was simple.

## TO SAVE MRS. BOTKIN.

New Trial Will Be Asked for and Question of Jurisdiction Raised.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Botkin's lawyers do not propose to accept as final the verdict of the jury finding her guilty of the murder of Mrs. Dunning without making a strong effort to obtain a new trial and a possible reversal of judgment. George T. Knight, the leading attorney for the defense, says: "Our first step will be to move for a new trial on the day set for passing sentence or as soon after as we can be heard. If a new trial is denied, of course we shall go to the Supreme Court, and at that time will raise the question of jurisdiction. This court never had and never can get jurisdiction to try Mrs. Botkin. It is a plain question of law, and I have not the slightest doubt of the Supreme Court's decision on the point."

The witnesses who came from Delaware to testify in the case will start for home to-day. After her arrival at the jail Mrs. Botkin broke down completely. It is stated that the first ballot stood ten for hanging and two for life imprisonment, and the second eleven for hanging and one for life imprisonment, but the one stood firm, and after much discussion the other eleven went over to him.

## MRS. ADAMS' MURDER MYSTERY

Sensational Reports in Morning Papers Denied by Chief Detective McCluskey.  
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Although three days have elapsed since Mrs. Kate J. Adams died from the effects of poison contained in a bottle of bromo-seltzer sent to her nephew, Harry Cornish, no arrests have been made and Chief Detective McCluskey said, this morning, he had nothing to divulge.

Regarding the statement published in the morning papers that a former member of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club was under suspicion and would be arrested, to-day, Captain McCluskey said Mr. Cornish had implicated no member of the Knickerbocker Club. McCluskey denied saying that this or any other man was suspected by the police. There were new developments in the case, McCluskey admitted, but he could not discuss them at present. The arrest of any past or present member of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club was not contemplated.

## SIX MINERS KILLED.

ISHPENING, Mich., Dec. 31.—This morning, while nine Finnish miners, whose names are unknown, were coming to the surface in one of the shafts of the Lake Superior Iron Co., the cage met some obstruction in the shaft that inclined the floor so as to let six men slide off and they fell 500 feet to the bottom, being instantly killed. Three who clung to the cage were slightly injured.

## SUICIDE AFTER ATTEMPTED MURDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Karl Kirdelberger, of Jersey City, tried to murder his wife and stepdaughter, Mary Brode, to-day. After he had shot them both, and believed them both fatally injured, he put a bullet in his right temple and died almost instantly. The wife and stepdaughter may recover. Kirdelberger was drunk when he did the shooting.

## HOW TWO WOMEN DIED.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Ann Scannell was burned to death, this morning, by the upsetting of a lamp. Mrs. Ruth Hopkins died of heart failure caused by fright at seeing the accident to Mrs. Scannell.

## Phoenix Engine Co.'s Private Hop.

Phoenix Engine Company had a private hop at their house, Friday night. About fifty were present. McWilliams' orchestra furnished music for dancing. Supper was served. The committee in charge consisted of J. J. Chambers, J. B. Wheeler and Fred McComb.

## Public Installation of Midland Chapter's Officers.

There will be a public installation of the officers of Midland Chapter, No. 240, R. A. M., Monday evening. The wives of members are invited to attend.

## Will Receive New Year's Calls.

The Y. M. C. A. will keep open house, Monday, January 2, from 2 to 10 p. m. The ladies will serve refreshments. All the men in the city are cordially invited to call.

# A Tumor Formed

Finally It Broke Inwardly and Discharged

Trouble Began With Dyspepsia and Impure Blood

Thorough Course of Hood's Sarsaparilla Completely Cures.

There is danger in impure blood. Disease and suffering are surely coming to those who neglect this threatening symptom. Read this:

"C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.: 'Gentlemen:—My troubles began with nervous headaches, which would last me for two or three days. The doctors pronounced my trouble dyspepsia, but they could not do anything for me, and advised a change of location. At the age of 55 a tumor formed on my spine, which was very painful

but did not rise or discharge. The doctor thought best to cut it out, but I objected. It finally broke and discharged a great deal. The doctors said they could do nothing for it. Then the tumor began to rise inwardly and discharge. I read much about cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla and thought I would try it. Before I had finished taking one bottle I was much relieved. I continued the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and after taking 12 bottles I was entirely cured. I am now well, have a good appetite and feel that I owe my life to Hood's Sarsaparilla.' W. D. FORD.

**Hood's Sarsaparilla**

Is the best—In fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5.

Hood's Pills—act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla. 25c.

## SERVICE OF SONG.

Programme of Music to Be Sung at Christ Church, Sunday Evening.

The following music will be rendered at the Christ Church service of song to-morrow evening at the Assembly Rooms: Voluntary—"Legende".....Wienawski Doxology—"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow".....Anthem—"Great and Marvellous".....Lorenz Tenor Solo—"Selected".....Finley Lyra Anthem—"Christ is Born".....With Alto and Tenor Solos Duet—"The Angel Song".....E. S. Lorenz Hymn 269—"Rock of Ages".....E. S. Lorenz Offertory—"Adante," from 6th Concerto.....By Nienktempa Violin Solo With Piano.....Professor William Roscher, violinist, will assist the choir in the services.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Chiefs Who Will Sit on Umpqua Tribe's stumps.

Umpqua Tribe, No. 331, I. O. R. M. has elected the following officers: Sachem—J. H. Rumpf. Senior Sagamore—Geo. W. Cole. Junior Sagamore—F. L. Cortright. Prophet—D. H. Keener. Chief of Records—Geo. Lefever. Keeper of Wampum—W. O. VanSeiver. Trustee, eighteen months—J. H. Rumpf.

## Bismarck's Iron Nerve

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25 cents at J. J. Chambers drug store, 57 North street, near post office.

## There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-quarter as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

"I had a running, itching sore on my leg. Suffered tortures. Doan's Ointment took away the burning and itching instantly, and quickly effected permanent cure." C. W. Leuhart, Bowling Green, O.

It's the little colds that grow into big colds; the big colds that end in consumption and death. Watch the little colds. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

**Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.**  
Has saved many a life! Speedily cures Croup and Whooping-cough. It's safe and sure. Mothers can always rely on it. Children like it. Does are small. Price 25 cents.

# AT STERN'S—Something Worth Reading.

WE HAVE BOUGHT THE ENTIRE STOCK OF

## Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks!

from a first-class manufacturer, at just half price, and are putting them on sale at exactly half former prices. Remember these are all new and first-class goods. There are about 500 in the lot. A great chance for late buyers. We are going out of the yarn business, having a lot of all shades of best quality Saxony and Germantown, will sell at half price—Saxony 5c a skein and Germantown at 8c a skein. Come while the assortment lasts.

**L. STERN. 13-15 NORTH ST.**

# NEW CLOAKS and CAPES

At half price and less. That is what we are offering you. The price is \$6 98. Be among the first comers.

If you are interested in Separate Skirts and Suits!

You will find our's priced less than the cost of the material.

**CARSON & TOWNER,**

No. 11 West Main Street.

Telephone 166.

## COST PRICES!

Cost prices will prevail on all our stock of Overcoats, Ulsters, Boys', Men's and Children's clothing until inventory, about Feb. 1st.

We are NOT going out of business, but offer all clothing at cost to reduced stock for inventory and meet the present strong competition in the clothing business.

Special values in odd lots of suits and overcoats, regardless of cost.

**ADAMS & BOYD,**

No. 41 North Street, Middletown

A Nice Assortment of Holiday Goods Left.

Come and buy this week at REDUCED PRICES.

The holiday trade has been good. We open the new year with a great sale of

LADIES' MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

This sale will show immense variety—about 5,000 pieces.

We are content to let the buyer judge of the value offered.

COME AND SEE,

**H. E. CHURCHILL & CO.,**  
No. 39 North Street.

## AN INSPECTION

of our store will emphatically prove that our stock of

Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry,

SILVER NOVELTIES,

Clocks, Cut Glass, etc.,

is complete. The

QUALITY, DESIGN AND ASSORTMENT

are especially excellent, and the PRICES

are consistent.

Close and Particular Attention and

the Best of Material

are our first considerations with all

Watch, Clock and Jew-

elry Repairing.

**B. F. GORDON.**

# Memory Joggers!

Buy a Calendar, Diary or Engagement Pad for '99 and save your memory and keep your word.

Everything in Blank Books from a pass book to a thousand page ledger and at prices which will please you.

Bill files, letter files, filing cases and every convenience for office and desk use.

Eastman Kodaks and photographic supplies for mid-winter photography.

A Bliskensderfer Type Writer is a good thing to begin the year with. The \$35 and \$50 machines in stock. Let us show them to you and tell you who are using them here.

**Hanford & Horton,**  
No. 6 North St., Middletown.

# Warm Shoes

FOR

# Cold Feet

AT ZERO PRICES!

by following the footprints to

**C. D. Hanford's,**

No. 43 North Street.

# READY PAY STORE.

# LEMONS

Per Dozen

12 CENTS.

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No. 111 North St.

# FRESH DAIRY BUTTER!

19 Cents Per Pound.

**B. F. TODD 121 North St.**

MIDDLETOWN HAND LAUNDRY, 11 DEPOT ST.

**M. A. HAWES,**

Successor to Mrs. E. Allison. makes a specialty of doing the laundry work. All work washed and ironed by hand.

Family washing our specialty. Goods called for and delivered. 175m Mich2

# CLEANING UP AND CLEARING OUT!

After our great holiday business in looking around we find our lines broken in sizes. We have a large assortment, but not sizes in all lines.

We have no desire to carry stock over to next winter so we are making prices to clean out.

**MORRIS B. WOLF,**

"The Blue Front Store,"

No. 10 North Street.



## THIS WEEK!

Prices Will Be Cut  
on Holiday Goods.

CALL AND SEE

G. EMMET CRAWFORD,

44-46 North Street.

Also Newburgh and Port Jervis.

Our Holiday trade was satisfactory.

The excellence of our goods and the reasonableness of our prices made it so.

To our occasional patrons we wish to say that the advantages of dealing with us are not confined to Holiday time, nor to Perfumes.

Throughout the year you'll find many points in your favor in quality and price.

Our large stock and complete assortment, kept new by active business, our many Laboratory products, our large family, physician and prescription trade, all demanding the best—consider these.

No drug store lives by medicines and prescriptions alone. The resulting excessive prices would drive away trade.

By our many lines, each bearing its share of expense, we guard your pockets just as by skill, care and method we protect your health. Let the Public judge.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St., and 155 North St., (North Side Pharmacy.)

Such a Headache!

○ Nature's Headache Powders will relieve you. Get the genuine made by McMonagle & Rogers. 4 doses for 10 cents.

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North St. and 155 North St. (North Side Pharmacy.)

PRICES REDUCED

on all

HOLIDAY GOODS

AT

The Cheapest House Furnishers.

FRANCE &  
HATHAWAY,

26 AND 27 EAST MAIN STREET

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

—Dresses, etc., at Haddon & Horton's.  
—Furn for sale or rent.  
—Furniture, to-night.  
—Alarm clocks, at J. K. Wiggins'.  
—Annual meeting of cemetery lot owners.  
—Read Crystal Spring Ice Co.'s prices.  
—Frank D. Kerschman wishes all a happy new year.  
—Bargains in clocks at Carson & Towser's.

## No Paper Monday.

Monday being New Year's Day, no paper will be issued from this office.

## LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

—The barber shops will close at noon, Monday.

—Are you going to Lea's masquerade ball, Monday night?

—There will be a pigeon shoot at Louis Bauer's, Monday afternoon.

—The doors of the Casino will be open at 7.45 sharp, on Monday night.

—The stores generally will be closed Monday, it being a legal holiday.

—The Orange County Brewing Company will begin to brew ale next week.

—C. E. Macomber went to New York, to-day, and will not return until Monday.

—Chimes of Normandy matinee at the Casino, Monday afternoon. Popular prices.

—Three members of Newburgh's police force are off duty as a result of attacks of grip.

—If you want to see fun go on Monday night to Lea's masquerade ball at the Casino.

—Have you secured your ticket for Lea's masquerade ball, on Monday night?

—Albert E. Space is now clerk for Cummings & Kirk, at their liquor store, No. 100 North street.

—A matinee will be given at the Cottage Theatre, Middletown, Monday afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

—Fred Bennett, of the Baltimore Dental College, is at his home in Bloomingburgh for the holidays.

—There will be a meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., Tuesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

—The New York Purchasing Syndicate has bought Peter Oliviero's stock from his James street tailor shop.

—B. E. Conklin, the insurance agent, has furnished the Argus with a supply of blotters and calendars for 1899.

—Erie train 38, to-day, had on board 216 excursionists bound to New York from points on the Delaware division.

—Hot drinks, beef tea, clam bouillon, tomato bouillon, chocolate, lemon and coffee, at Laskaris, 34 North street.

—The post office will be open Monday until 11 o'clock and between 6 and 7 in the evening. The carriers will make a morning delivery.

—Henry Dunlap, of Port Jervis, pleaded guilty, Thursday, to assaulting William King, and was sentenced to four months in Albany penitentiary.

—You can procure tickets at Dusenberry's for Lea's masquerade ball up to 7 p. m., to-night. After that time, tickets must be secured at the box office, at the Casino.

—The Salvation Army in Binghamton has established a ten cent lodging for unemployed men. It was opened Dec. 1st and has been so well patronized as to leave no doubt that there was need for such an institution.

—Erie Detective Feldman has received from the Wells-Fargo Express Company a ten-pound turkey and a bottle of claret for his New Year's dinner. The gift is in recognition of his services in capturing the burglars who robbed the company's office at Parker's Glen.

## PERSONAL.

—Alderman Owen will spend Sunday at Monticello.

—Fred O. Rockefeller is out after a week's attack of grip.

—George T. Walker is confined to his home with an attack of grip.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Crist and son will spend Sunday at Ellenville.

—Capt. Ira Dorrance and T. Ed Hayes are among the latest victims of grip.

—J. Conlin, of the Union Hat Company, is confined to his home with grip.

—Miss Sadie Hale, who has been visiting in town, returned to New York, to-day.

—Miss Laura Starr left Monticello for a visit to friends in Middletown, Monday.—*Republican*.

—Mr. and Mrs. Elbert DuBois and little daughter, of New Paltz, are visiting relatives in this city.

—Dr. Wm. Jacobs, of Brooklyn, and N. H. Schellenberg, of Atlantic City, are guests of N. Schellenberg.

—Miss Anna C. Davidson, of Middletown, has been spending the holiday vacation with her parents.—*Rockland Review*.

—Mrs. William Bradley, of Middletown, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Miller, who is ill at her home in this village.—*Rockland Review*.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, who were married in Middletown, Wednesday, are spending a portion of their honeymoon in town.

—Lieutenant and Mrs. Nickerson and son, Ted, went to Philadelphia, to-day, to spend a few months with the lieutenant's mother and sister.

—Daniel VanKenren, clerk for J. B. Swain, has been confined to his home, No. 27 Spring street, by a severe attack of the grip for the past week.

—Mrs. Jackely, of Middletown, visited her mother, Mrs. Kuhlmann, over Christmas, and her sister, Miss Katherine Kuhlmann, returned with her for a visit.—*Ellenville Press*.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENTS

Held at the First Presbyterian and First Congregational Churches, Friday Evening.

The chapel at the First Presbyterian Church presented a very pretty sight to the Sunday School scholars and their friends, Friday night, when the annual Christmas entertainment was held.

The programme consisted of a recitation by Marjorie Tompkins; recitation by Clinton Vail, a. s. o. H. L. Adams; recitation, Mildred Clark; recitation, Harold Werley and John Gemmill; song by Lena Jordan, Gertrude Jordan, Bernice Clineman, Gladys Stivers, Mildred Memory, Mildred Hurlin; recitation by Bernice Clineman; address by Rev. David Winters.

During the evening ice cream and cake were served to all present. John Wilkie, as Santa Claus, presented each one with a box of candy and nuts and an orange. The committee who arranged the pleasant evening was:

F. W. Morgaus, Charlotte H. Webster, Mrs. L. T. Judson, Mrs. H. L. Adams, Mrs. David Winters, John McWilliams, Eleanor Shafer and John Wilkie.

## AT THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

The Christmas entertainment at the First Congregational Church, Friday night, was one of the most enjoyable in years. The cantata, "Santa Claus's Reception," was given in the church before a large audience. Charles A. Whitney was Santa Claus, and the other soloists were the Misses Ina O'Neal, Margaret Greene, Fanny Devoe, Edna Pierce, and Masters Richard Sengstacken and Stanley Douglas.

After the cantata the Sunday School adjourned to the chapel where a large Christmas tree had been erected, and from it Santa Claus took presents for every member of the school.

As the entertainment was about over, a large fireplace was taken down, brick by brick, and each scholar found that the bricks were imitations and filled with candy.

## VALUABLE HORSE KILLED.

Struck by the Susquehanna and Western Milk Train at Johnson.

F. D. Currier had a valuable horse killed at this station, this morning, by being struck by the S. and W. milk train. Mr. Currier had just delivered his load of milk to the condenser and was starting for home when the accident occurred.

The lower switch stood full of box cars which obstructed his view of the track and he did not see the approaching train until he had driven the team on the track, and the train being close upon him he had barely time to stop and swing the horses around when the locomotive struck the off horse and crushed it against the milk platform. The other horse being clear of the track, escaped injury and the wagon was but little damaged. Mr. Currier fortunately escaped unhurt.

## Repairing the Patrol Wagon.

Eagle Hose Company's patrol wagon went out of service, to-day, owing to the necessity of repairing the boxing about the wheels. It will probably be ready for use again by 6 o'clock to-night. Hase has been placed on Excelsior's truck, which will promptly respond if an alarm is sounded.

## Watch Night Services.

Watch night services will be held at the Faith Mission, to-night, from 10 to 12.

New Year Eve watch meeting services will be held at Bethel A. M. E. Church, South street, to-night, at 10:30 p. m. Rev. T. J. Jackson, pastor, will preach. Subject, "What of the night?" Everybody welcome.

## Ontario and Western Earnings.

New York, Ontario and Western earned gross for November \$351,134, an increase of \$2,887, and net \$108,997, a decrease of \$2,318. From July 1 to November 30 gross earnings were \$1,808,840, a decrease of \$60,999, and net \$556,473, a decrease of \$57,826.

## Week of Prayer Union Meetings.

The Week of Prayer Union meetings will be held at 3 and 7:30 every afternoon and evening. All of the afternoon meetings will be held at First Baptist Church, and the evening meetings will rotate, beginning at the First Baptist Church, Monday night.

## Will Give Up Business Here.

The Cohens, who have conducted a clothing store on James street, in the Bastian building, and an auction room on North street next to Tompkins's, will give up business in both stores, to-night, and return to New York.

## St. Joseph Church Notes.

—There will be a meeting of the Promoters of the League of the Sacred Heart Sunday, at 4 o'clock.

—Confessions will be heard to-day at 5 and 7 p. m.

—Father Durham will sing the high mass at St. Joseph's, to-morrow.

—The Christmas collection amounted to about \$700.

## Reserved Seats for Lea's Masquerade.

Reserved seats for spectators for Lea's masquerade ball can be procured at the box office at the Casino on Monday from 10 in the morning until 5 in the afternoon.

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## OBITUARY.

## Mrs. N. R. Haskins.

George Haskins received a telegram, this afternoon, announcing the death at Norwich at 12:40, to-day, of his mother, Mrs. N. R. Haskins.

## William O. Beakes.

William O. Beakes, son of Mrs. Anna J. Beakes and the late Howell Beakes, died suddenly, Friday afternoon, at his mother's home, near Fair Oaks. He was in his twenty-second year.

He is survived by his mother, a brother, George W., of this city, and three sisters—Lizzie and Jennie at home, and Mary D., wife of Nathan D. Mills, of this city.

## James Edwards.

James Edwards, a well known farmer residing about two miles southwest of Chester, near Sugar Loaf, died, Thursday, at the age of seventy-five years. Deceased was born in England. About fifty years ago he married Harriet Beak and the young people emigrated to this country. They located in Orange county and have lived here ever since following the occupation of farming in the towns of Goshen, Chester and Monroe at different times. Mr. Edwards was an industrious and progressive farmer, and highly respected by those who knew him. He is survived by his widow and five children. They are Josephine, Henry and Charles at home; George who lives on a farm near that of his father, and Anna, wife of George T. Walling, of the town of Goshen.

Funeral services will be held at the late residence of deceased on Monday at 2 o'clock p. m. Interment in Chester Cemetery.

## Mrs. Letitia E. Gowdey.

Mrs. Letitia E. Gowdey, widow of the late James Coleman Gowdey, of Bloomingburgh, died at that place, Friday evening, Dec. 30th, 1898.

The deceased had been in fairly good health, though little enfeebled by severe cold and an attack of the grip, which superinduced apoplexy.

For many years she conducted a summer boarding house, and many there are who can attest to the bounteous board and the homelike management of the Gowdey house during the summers since the opening of the Ontario and Western railroad. She was a member of the Bloomingburgh M. E. Church, and was a woman of warm heart and devoted attachment to home and family. All her children survive, seven, Sanford S., James C., and Mrs. Josephine B. Becker, of New York city; Harriet at home; Mrs. Rebecca H. Gullen, of Middletown, and Mrs. Mary J. Lewis and Mrs. Letitia E. Redfield, of Bloomingburgh.

The funeral service will be held from the late home at Bloomingburgh, at 1 p. m., Monday, January 2, and burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Middletown.

## RUN DOWN BY A HEARSE.

Vehicles in Collision on the North Plank Road—No Serious Damage Done.

Coroner Decker and N. D. Mills while driving in Undertaker Rockefeller's buggy near the first toll gate, on the north plank road, Friday night, were crashed into by Driver Decker, who was returning from Ballville with Undertaker Osterhout's hearse. The occupants of the buggy heard Decker coming at a fast rate of speed in the darkness, and they pulled as far out of the road as they could and shouted to the driver, but he did not hear them.

When the rigs collided Mr. Mills was pitched out into the gutter, but he maintained his hold on the reins and stopped the horse. One wheel of the buggy was broken, but the hearse was not badly damaged.

Undertaker Harry Blighton, Mr. Rockefeller's assistant, was behind and he took the coroner and Mr. Mills to their destination, and Charles T. Redfield, who was with Mr. Blighton, returned with the wrecked buggy.

## Has Resumed Practice.

Dr. Howard J. Powelson, who gave up a good practice and marched away with the 24th Company when the call for troops was made, has entirely recovered from the fever contracted in Honolulu, and has resumed practice. He is occupying his old office on William street.

## An Afflicted Family.

Benjamin W. Halstead, the tuba player in the 24th Band, on his return from the funeral of Private Weller, Friday, was attacked by grip and had to take to his bed. At 10 o'clock his little son, Norman D., died. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.

## Discharged from the Hospital.

Mrs. Newman, the burly-gurdy woman, who was struck by an Erie train near Shin Hollow, Monday, was discharged from the Port Jervis hospital, Friday morning, and sent to her home near Hawley in charge of Brakeman Linehan.

## Police Court.

—A prominent Italian of the First Ward, became very unruly, Friday night, and was arrested. This morning he was fined \$10.

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## AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

## INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Jewelers Will Spend Their Evenings at Home—Returned to His Regiment—Post Office Hours—Other Notes.

—Jewelry stores in this village have made a New Year's resolution, and until further notice they will close at 6 p. m., Monday and Saturday evenings excepted.

—Arthur Weir, artificer in the 203d Regiment, has returned to join the regiment at Greenville, S. C.

—William C. Altman will spend New Year's in South Carolina.

—Wawastawa Tribe, I. O. R. M., elected officers, Friday night.

—On Monday the post office will close at 11 a. m., and will be open between 6 and 7 p. m.

—S. P. Dusenberry's new club room will be opened, Monday.

—Goshen was represented at the Bachelors' hop in Middletown, Friday night.

—Jay H. Newbury has purchased a handsome team of coach horses from Messrs. Hulce & Church.

—There will be a family gathering at the home of Mrs. P. Samuels, to-morrow.

—The Epworth League will conduct a special service at the M. E. Church to-morrow night.

—Miss Clara L. Whidden entertained a party of friends, Friday night.

—George Mullenix is recovering from an attack of the grip.

—The members of Willow Crest Rebekah Lodge are requested to meet at the trolley station at 6:30, instead of 7:30, Monday evening.

## BACHELORS' NEW YEAR'S HOP.

A Large Company Present and All Had a Good Time.

The New Year's hop of the Bachelors' Social Club drew out a large party of dancers, Friday night, at the Assembly Rooms. There were a number of out of town ladies and gentlemen present, and at 10 o'clock the hop was on in real earnest. Miss Gumaer's orchestra furnished perfect music and the concert during intermission was greatly enjoyed.

Those present from out of town were: Fred Bennett, Bloomingburgh; Frank Yocum, New York; Harry Van Steenburgh, Fred Millsbaugh, Goshen; Crosby Beakes, and the Misses Collins, of St. Paul, Norris, of Concord, Morton, of New York, and Mrs. John A. Hartford, of New York.

Many Middletown college boys, who are home for the holidays, were present.

## NO CANTATA TO-NIGHT.

The Musical Watch Night Service at Grace Church Abandoned.

Dudley Buck's watch night cantata, "The Song of the Night," which was to have been rendered at Grace Church, to-night, at 11:30, will not be sung. This arrangement is made necessary on account of the indisposition of several of those who were to take prominent parts in the performance.

## Funeral of Walter Aird.

The remains of Walter Aird, who died Wednesday, were taken to Knapp & Merritt's undertaking parlors, to-day, where Rev. J. Newton Emery conducted services. There were a number of beautiful floral pieces from friends. Burial was in Hillside.

## As Unreliable as DeVoe's Predictions.

The Weather Bureau has made a sorry mess of its predictions. When rain or snow have been foretold cloudless skies have followed, and when cold waves have been predicted there have been marked rises of temperature.

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## FOR THE STAMP COLLECTOR.

Trinidad has issued the two-piece commemorative stamp, with picture of the landing of Columbus. A blue frame with a brown center forms a very pleasing combination.

At Manila, up to September 1, United States postage stamps had been sold to the value of \$18,000. The majority, doubtless, were brought by our soldiers and sailors, to correspond with friends at home, but it is certainly a very good showing.

Boston produces a novelty in the way of a collector who has made four collections in 30 years and sold them all, and now he is at it again. His only pleasure seems to be in collecting, and when he has secured everything possible in one special line, he sells out, and takes up another line.

It is reported that two more of the rare Mauritius stamps, a specimen of which brought \$5,000 recently, have just been discovered in Bombay, India. The original letter accompanies the envelope bearing the two stamps, which are in fair condition and have every appearance of being genuine. About 35 can now be accounted for.

Considering the number of stamps issued and the combined area of the islands, Hawaii can probably lay claim to a larger number of valuable stamps than most countries of the world. Not only does the first issue bring big prices, as is the case with most small countries, but the second and third issues as well, coming down to 1893, are noticeably scarce and command a good premium whenever they are sold. The two-cent of 1851 has the reputation of being one of the rarest specimens known, and has brought as high as \$2,500.

## ARMY AND NAVY NOTES.

The tube of a 12-inch gun, which is used in some war-ships, has 50 spiral grooves inside, which cause the shot to revolve at the rate of 75 times per second as it rushes through the air.

In war time each French soldier would carry 28½ kilos, and a German infantryman about 24½ kilos, although five years ago he carried as much as 31½ kilos. A kilo is slightly more than two pounds.

Some of the battleships have as many as six different decks, as, for instance, the boat, or shelter deck, the upper deck, main deck, middle deck, lower deck and platform deck. The first-named deck is 54 feet above the keel, and the highest bridge is 75 feet above the keel.

A first-class battleship carries as many as 14,120 rounds of ammunition for use in guns ranging from a three-pounder to a 12-inch. This is about 270 tons of projectiles. There are also in the magazine something like 43 tons of cordite. This weight is considerably less than when ordinary powder was used, for it takes 167½ pounds only of cordite to do the work of 295 pounds of ordinary powder.

## WITH THE DUMB BRUTES.

North Carolina has 172,105 horses and 126,949 mules.

An Australian sporting paper records a 90-foot jump by a kangaroo.

Frog's skin, though one of the thinnest, is also one of the toughest leathers tanned.

Hyenas always fight kneeling, the shank of the foreleg being the most vulnerable part of their body.

The condor possesses a greater vital tenacity than any other creature. The polar bear comes second.

Public drinking-troughs for horses are condemned by a well-known veterinary surgeon on the ground that they propagate certain diseases peculiar to horses.

It is the female spider that spins webs for unwary flies, and in a fit of emotional insanity eats up her inoffending husband. It is the female mosquito that intrudes a poisonous proboscis into the human ear. Among the vipers and ants less amiable traits are displayed, but the same sex is dominant.

## SIGNS OF A NEW ERA IN CHINA.

Two railroads already in operation. Many mines of silver, coal and gold are being opened.

Newspapers are rapidly increasing in circulation and number.

Steam, gas, large and small are being used for navigation.

The Chinese handbook for 1898, covering the Chinese calendar.

An extensive telegraph system, operated by English-speaking natives.

For increasing sale of translations of western science and mathematical books.

Schools of English science and mathematics are being founded in many country seats.

Manufactures of silk and cotton are springing up on every hand, with Chinese capital.

Valuable subscriptions from Chinese are constantly being received by missionary schools and hospitals.

## DEVIOUS DEFINITIONS.

Whispering - The transformation of a popular air into an ill wind.

Abuse - The penalty an eminent man is compelled to pay the public.

Love - Something that makes the heart flutter and the tongue flatter.

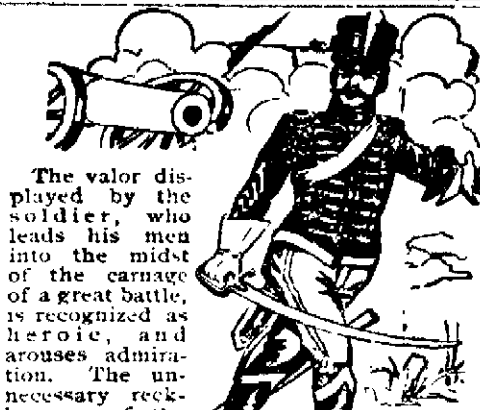
Criticism - A man who can see no merit in anything he doesn't do himself.

Anxiety - The cause of more brain trouble than a yodeling else except love.

Logician - An individual who can figure out anything to his own satisfaction.

Language - Something used by lawyers to conceal the thoughts of their clients.

Timetable - The action required by paying for it on the world's installment plan. - Chicago Daily News.



The valor displayed by the soldier, who leads his men into the midst of the carnage of a great battle, is recognized as heroic, and arouses admiration. The unnecessary uselessness of the man who courts death through some insidious disease is pitiable, but not admirable. That dread disease, consumption, slays more men and women than are slain by war, famine and pestilence combined. It is an utterly unnecessary slaughter. Consumption is curable. One of the most eminent specialists in the world, Dr. R. V. Pierce, for thirty years chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, N. Y., so pronounces it. He declares that thirty years ago he discovered a medicine that cures 98 per cent of all cases of consumption. In his great medical work, "The Common Sense Medical Adviser," the names, addresses, experiences and photographs of innumerable consumptives who have recovered are given. This wonderful medicine is known as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is the greatest of all known blood-makers and flesh-builders. It gives edge to the appetite, makes digestion and assimilation perfect, renders the liver and kidneys active, makes the blood pure and fills it with the life-giving elements that build new and healthy tissue. It strengthens the muscular system, tones the nerves, pumps rich, red, healthy blood into every vital organ, and acting directly on the lungs drives out all impurities and disease germs. Thousands have testified to its marvelous merits. An honest dealer will not try to persuade you to take a worthless substitute for the sake of a little added profit. When baby is sick the mother needs to own a copy of Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. It tells the home-treatment of all the ordinary ills of life. For a paper-covered copy send 21 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only, to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. For cloth binding 31 stamps.

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## REBEKAH DEGREE ODD FELLOWS

Delegations from Port Jervis and Goshen Lodges Entertained by Martha Washington Lodge—Other Notes.

Martha Washington Lodge, No. 30, Rebekah Degree, I. O. O. F., installed its recently elected officers, Monday night, at Odd Fellows' Hall, as follows:

S. P. G.—Mrs. Esther N. Clemons.  
N. G.—Mrs. Mary E. Miller.  
V. G.—Mrs. Ella J. Phillips.  
Rec. Sec.—Miss Belle Sprague.  
Treas.—Mrs. F. O. Grover.  
Fin. Sec.—Mrs. Mary McQuoid.  
Trustees—Messrs. B. B. Quick, W. G. Tice, John Miles.  
R. S.—Mrs. Geo. Leemon.  
I. S.—Mrs. Mosher.  
W. S.—Mrs. C. Holden.  
R. S.—Mrs. Sarah E. Miles.  
C.—Mrs. Minnie Townsend.  
Chaplain—Mrs. Sarah J. Thayer.  
I. G.—Mrs. Annie Clark.

The installing officer was Mrs. Miles, who had been deputized by Mrs. Eliza Topowski, of Highland Falls, the district deputy.

The lodge was fortunate in having as its guests delegations from Orphan Lodge, of Port Jervis, and Willow Crest, of Goshen. The former arrived on Erie No. 2, and among them were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Myer, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Beach, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Goble, Mr. and Mrs. David Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Book, Mrs. Heidenreich, Mrs. Tait, Mrs. H. W. DeWitt, Mrs. Al. Hull, Mrs. Theo. Ludlum, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hornbeck, Edward McQuaid.

The Goshen party came by special car, reaching here at 6:50. The delegation consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, Mrs. Albert Halstead, Mrs. Wm. Terhune, Miss May Smith, Miss Lizette Edwards, Mrs. Ida Cox, Henry J. Jones, Mrs. Daniel Van Keuren, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Ladd, Mrs. Van Anden, Miss Carrie Dorens, Mrs. John Medrick, Miss Alma Dorens.

Supper was served at 7:15 and it was a very enjoyable affair. Baked meats, salads and fruits, confections of the most approved recipes were prepared and served by the following committee: S. P. G.—Mrs. W. G. Tice, A. J. Haines, T. E. Walker and Mrs. Esther N. Clemons. Reception committee of Mrs. J. H. Myer, Mrs. John Miles and Mrs. James Phillips.

The installation ceremony followed and the guests returned to Port Jervis on N. Y. and the Goshen on the special car at 11:30.

## MIDLAND CHAPTER'S INSTALLATION

After the Ceremonies, Members of Queen Esther Lodge Assisted in Serving Refreshments.

Midland Chapter, No. 240, R. A. M., installed officers, Monday night, at the lodge rooms, and members of the Eastern Star and the blue lodges were admitted.

The officers installed were: M. E. H. P.—C. W. Rodgers.  
E. K.—John McWilliams.  
E. S.—S. S. Decker.  
Treasurer—S. G. Heyes.  
Secretary—J. A. Wallace.  
C. of H.—C. R. Smith.  
P. S.—W. L. Bagley.  
R. A. C.—L. E. Case.  
M. 3d V.—W. L. Purdy.  
M. 2d V.—W. L. Wilbur.  
M. 1st V.—W. E. Robertson.  
Chaplain—Rev. W. H. Scott.  
Sentinel—J. H. Suddery.

After the installation the ladies of Queen Esther Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, assisted the regular committee in serving refreshments. The committee consisted of Mrs. S. S. Decker, Mrs. A. B. Billings, Mrs. W. H. Benton and Mrs. J. H. Suddery. The reception committee consisted of Mrs. A. E. Ludington and Mrs. W. C. F. Bastian.

The tables were tastefully decorated and presented a most attractive appearance when the Masons and their guests entered the banquet room.

It had been announced that the installation was to be public, but the ladies were only let down to Masons.

## WEEK OF PRAYER.

Large Attendance at the Opening Meeting of the Evening Services.

The week of prayer on meetings will be held at a church every afternoon, at First Baptist Church. The opening service, Monday afternoon, was largely attended and a deep religious enthusiasm was awakened.

The evening services will be held as follows: Tuesday night, at St. Paul's, Wednesday night, at Second Presbyterian Church, Thursday night, at the First Congregational Church, Friday night, at the First Presbyterian Church.

## St. Joseph's Society's Election of Officers.

St. Joseph's Catholic Benevolent Society, No. 154, E. B. L., held its annual election, Sunday, and all the old officers were re-elected.

President—J. Frank Cullman.  
Vice President—John R. Carey.  
Rec. Sec.—August Horneman.  
Fin. Sec.—M. J. Cashman.  
Treas.—J. M. A. Lovely.  
Sergeant at Arms—M. Garfield.

Made a Good Record White Acting Recorder.

Acting Recorder Payne, who retires from the duties of the office to-day, has made an enviable record. He has been careful, painstaking and conscientious. He tempered justice with mercy in every instance. He had the respect and good wishes of the men under him all of the time, and he leaves them with their best wishes and with the commendation of the public.

Rick Soldiers Getting Better.

Letters from San Francisco contain encouraging information regarding the condition of Privates Benkes and Fredericks.

## Biliousness

Do you get up with a headache? Is there a taste in your mouth? Then you have a poor appetite and a weak digestion. You are frequently dizzy, always feel dull and drowsy, and you get but a little benefit from your food. What is the cause of this trouble? Constipated bowels.

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## A VERY COLD NEW YEAR'S.

Snow, Wind and Bitter Cold Made the Weather Decidedly "Tedious."

The New Year's holidays were marked by what New Englanders call "tedious weather." The snow which had been falling by fits and starts, Saturday, settled down to business after nightfall and Sunday morning dawned clear and cold. About 10 o'clock the wind began to blow and it soon attained the velocity of gale filling the air with the light snow, piling it into banks in many places and almost spoiling the sleighing on country roads. Toward night the wind fell and the temperature began to fall at the same time. Sunday night was one of the coldest of the year, a temperature of 4° below zero having been reached before Monday morning.

Monday was a keen winter day, for despite the bright sunshine thermometers kept to the lower levels. A few sleigh riders were out, but the frigid air made sleigh riding far from pleasurable. The day was exceedingly quiet with nothing of importance from a news standpoint. There was a whole lot going on, however, and reports of these will be found in other columns.

Much lower temperatures than prevailed here are reported from other places hereabouts. Wurtsboro seems to have beaten the record with 18° below zero, Monday morning, at 7 o'clock, and 10° below this morning at the same hour.

## BANK DIVIDENDS.

The Middletown Bank's New Year's Presents to Their Stockholders.

—The First National Bank of Middletown, to-day, declared a dividend of three per cent, out of the earnings of the past six months.

—The Merchants' National Bank of this city, to-day, declared a dividend of two and a half per cent., free of tax, payable Jan. 10th.

—The Trustees of the Orange County Trust Company will meet, Friday evening, to declare a dividend.

## Kings County Wheelmen at Bloomingburgh.

L. C. Haines, W. E. Buckley, T. B. Smith, Jr., R. B. Smith, D. Barry, W. C. Cochran, Fred Smith, Chas. B. Paul, Jr., and L. F. Perkins, of the Kings County Wheelmen, spent Sunday and Monday at Bennett's, Bloomingburgh.

## Suit to Foreclose a Mortgage.

Suit for foreclosure of a mortgage of \$9,000 has been commenced against the owners of Eagle Hose Company's three story brick block on Centre street by the Homestead Building and Loan Association.

## Archdeacon Milbank Going to Monticello.

Archdeacon Milbank, of Weycross, Ga., who visited Rector Evans, last summer and preached most acceptably in Grace Church, has accepted a call to the rectorate of St. John's Church, Monticello.

## Knights of Pythias Will Attend W. W. Harford's Funeral.

Lancet Lodge, Knights of Pythias, held a special meeting, Monday, and decided to attend the funeral of its deceased member, W. W. Harford, meeting at the lodge rooms at 1 o'clock, tomorrow. The burials will be selected from the lodge.

## MARRIED.

HOMER—McGANN—In this city, Jan. 1st, '99, by Rev. Frank A. Heath, Charles H. Homer and Mamie McGann.

## DIED.

O'DONNELL—At Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 1st, '99, James O'Donnell, son of Mrs. A. O'Donnell, of this city.

Funeral Thursday, from the residence of his mother, 92 Prospect street, at one o'clock, and at St. Joseph's Church at ten o'clock, with high mass. Interment in St. Joseph's cemetery.

HARFORD—In this city, Dec. 21st, '98, William Wilson Harford, aged sixty-nine years, two months, eighteen days.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon, at two o'clock from his late residence, No. 107 Gunning street. Interment in family plot, Phillipsburgh cemetery.

WICKHAM—Near Ridgebury, Dec. 21st, '98, Hazel infant child of Mr. and Mrs. David D. Wickham, aged one year, six months.

Funeral Tuesday, at one o'clock, at the parents' residence. Interment in family plot, North Harford, N. J.

DE KAT—In the town of Walkill, near Winterton, Jan. 2d, 1899, John A. De Kat, wife of Lewis De Kat, in her sixty-eighth year.

Funeral services will be held at her late home, Thursday afternoon, at one o'clock. Interment in family plot, North Harford.

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NOTICE—If the undersigned, when and for whom any person or persons trading or bartering my wife, Eliza Stevenson, as she has left my bed and board.

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TO LET—Two rooms on first floor and three rooms on second floor, 12 East Main St. J. B. SWALM.

TEEN Teams wanted. Apply to MIDDLETOWN ICE CO., to-morrow morning.

GIRL Wanted to assist in household. 89 SPRAGUE AVE.

THE L'HOMMEDIEN Farm, less than one mile from Franklin Square, side of road, will be leased, for small rental, from January 1st to April 1st, 1899. Good house and barn. About eight or four acres of land, etc. See ALTON J. VAIL, No. 4 East Main street, Middletown, N. Y.

GOOD MULLEN SIGNS, SENT POSTPAID. Hand painted in oil colors, 12x16, 16x24, 24x36, or 36x48, 60c; or 18x18, 18x24, or 24x36, 50c. HARDING'S SIGNERY, Wurtsboro, N. Y.

FOR SALE or rent—Farm of 165 acres, 2 miles from Ballville. Inquire of MRS. S. V. HULTSLANDER, Bloomingburgh, N. Y.

A GOOD Dairy and Onion Farm for rent from April 1st, 1899, on the Lower Road, in the town of Wurtsboro. Inquire of GILBERTH, WICKHAM, on the place.

FARM for sale or rent containing 138 acres, 5 1/2 miles from Middletown and 3 miles west of State Hill. Apply to J. ROGERS, 161 East Main street, city.

A. R. TAYLOR, Auctioneer, Middletown, N. Y. Residence with C. Carpenter. 99-100 Main St.

FOR SALE or Rent—Farm of 36 1/2 acres, 2 1/2 miles from Westtown. In the town of Greenville. Call on or address C. S. GOBLE, Westtown, N. Y.

DR. FRANCIS YALK will be at Dr. T. D. Mills' office, THURSDAY, Jan. 5, 1899.

CROSBY will sell all holiday goods this week at cost. He offers bargains in underwear and hosiery. Suitable for all cases for sale very cheap. Mrs. C. P. Clark's old stand.

FOR RENT Cheap until spring. Four rooms first floor, well and electric. 100 Richmond Building.

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ROOMS TO LET—Six rooms, modern improvements. Enquire at Myrtle avenue.

TO LET—Nice Cottage on Harrison street, 100 ft. long, 30 ft. wide, modern improvements. Enquire of F. D. YOUNGBLOOD.

HONEY—Pure extracted five-pound pail, delivered, C. O. D., for 50 cents. Order by phone or postal. CHESTER BELMONT, 410 N. 1st St.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY. At this time of year we begin to see the early signs of the new year. At this time of year we begin to see the early signs of the new year. At this time of year we begin to see the early signs of the new year.

COAL! FORTY carloads sold in thirty days. Low prices will continue. VANFLEET'S.

ROOMS to let on James street. Enquire of W. A. VAIL, Paper Box Factory, 46 Mill street.

HOBBSY Home 48c and up. Toys of all kinds. An endless variety at DAYTON'S.

FOR SALE—Handsome new cottage on Albert street, nine rooms, hot air, all modern improvements. BULL & YOUNGBLOOD.

I WILL Exchange "Lockley Hall" with the farm of ten acres all lying in the city limits for a house and lot centrally located, or will trade for good real estate property. Rare opportunity to quick dealer.

FINE Assortment of old dressed Chamonskins, for ice shields, etc. Can be washed and will dry soft. 10c to 25c at JOHN J. CHAMBERS', Drugist, 57 North St., near postoffice.

TO LET—Five rooms, bath and closet, down stairs, \$10; 4 rooms, bath and closet, up stairs, \$8; 5 rooms, \$6; 2 rooms, with water, \$4. Enquire of C. HENFORD CLARK, 105-113 North street.

## The Manhattan Market,

NO. 148, NORTH STREET.

Fresh Killed Chickens..... 12c per lb.  
Ducks..... 12c  
Geese..... 12c  
Turkeys..... 15c  
Pork..... 12c  
Fresh Salt Pork..... 10c  
Our Own Sausages..... 10c  
Shoulders of Lamb..... 7c  
Oysters..... 10c

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## Our Annual January Sale of Muslin Underwear!

4,392 pieces of Muslin Underwear in this Great January Offering. Successful storekeeping does not mean gigantic profit; it means doing business continually, constantly offering seasonable goods at such small profits. This is the argument for the thousands of pieces we offer you and you reap the benefit of our close buying. No woman can afford to miss this great sale. We advise all our customers to come early while the assortment and sizes are unbroken.

## Corset Covers.

252 plain Corset Covers in cambric or fine muslin, sizes 32 to 40; 3c each.  
288 Muslin and Cambric Corset Covers, cut V and square shape, trimmed with embroidery, 15c.  
240 Corset Covers, made from fine muslin or cambric, trimmed with wide Hamburg, sizes 32 to 38; 15c.  
480 Corset Covers in a great variety of styles. You will wonder how they can be made at the price; as long as they last 25c.  
360 fine Corset Covers, all handsomely trimmed, mostly blouse shape or new French shape; as long as they last 49c.

## Short Skirts.

Six different styles, made plain, tucked and trimmed, with lace or embroidery. For this lot, 29, 34, 48, 64c.

## Gowns.

10 dozen plain Muslin Gowns, nicely made and full size; as long as they last 30c.  
24 dozen Gowns, six different styles in this lot, all nicely trimmed and full sized. Be sure and get your share, 45c.  
12 dozen Gowns, made from extra heavy cotton, some plain, others trimmed; great values for the prices, 59 and 69c.  
31 dozen Ladies' Gowns, some trimmed with lace, others trimmed with embroidery and insertion. Must be seen to be appreciated. You will wonder how the trimmings could be bought at the prices, 79, 89, 98c, \$1.19, \$1.48.

## White Skirts.

Ten different styles in this great assortment, made from fine muslin, all umbrella shape, at 39, 49, 79, 89, 98c, \$1.19, \$1.39, \$1.48.

## Drawers.

240 pairs Muslin Drawers, made from good muslin, with extra wide ruffle tucked, 15c pair.  
240 pair fine Muslin Drawers, could not be better made, with extra wide ruffle of cambric, hemstitched; 25c pair.  
120 pair Umbrella Drawers, trimmed with fine embroidery; while they last 29c pair.  
120 pair fine Umbrella Drawers, made from fine cambric, trimmed with lace and insertion; for this sale 30c.  
Fine Umbrella Drawers, made from fine muslin or cambric, handsomely trimmed in a great variety of styles, 49c.

## Outing Underwear.

Ladies' Gowns, Ladies' Short Skirts, Men's Night Shirts and Children's Gowns and Night Drawers at our special low prices.

## Our Annual January Sale of Housekeeping Goods!

This is the time of the year every good housekeeper lays in her stock of Housekeeping Goods. By watching the market and buying and selling for spot cash, we are able to offer you goods that every one who needs such goods can afford to buy their whole year's supply at this Great January Offering. We quote a few of the many bargains we have that will pay you to come miles to get rather than miss the chance of getting your share.

## Table Linen.

25 pieces for this great sale, the way the linen market is about the whole year's prices.  
58 inch half-bleached Table Linen, cost more to import, as long as they last 25c.  
58 inch bleached Table Damask, not one thread of linen in it, but great goods to wear, 25c yard.  
72 inch bleached Union Table Linen, only one pattern in this space lot, but a bargain, 40c yard.  
72 inch, all linen, bleached Table Damask, the best value that will be shown by any firm this year, 50c yard.

## Towels.

Hotels and Barbers ought to take advantage of the great offering sale as well as housekeepers.  
25 dozen Union Linen Towels, sizes 13x25, 7c each or 75c dozen.  
15 dozen all Linen Huck Towels, size 19x30, 10c each.  
15 dozen extra heavy all-bleached Bath Towels, as long as they last, 10c, size 19x36.  
50 dozen all Linen Towels, extra large and heavy, three different styles, 15c each.  
25 dozen Fancy Towels, all pure linen in eight different kinds, fringed and hemstitched, as long as they last, 19 to 25c.

## Men's White Shirts.

25 dozen Men's 69c Night Shirts made from the very best cotton and trimmed with finishing braid, as long as they last 50c.  
25 dozen Men's White Dress Shirts, sold as the Davis Special, made with a split neck band, folded seams, cut full size and perfect fitting, as long as they last, 50c.

## Sheets and Pillow Cases.

5-4 Bleached Hemstitched Pillow Cases made from yard cotton, 10c.  
5-4 Bleached Pillow Cases, no better cotton made, finished with braid, washed and ironed, 12c or \$1.25 dozen.  
8-4 and 9-4 Bleached Sheets, made from fine cotton, all washed and ironed, 35 and 40c each.

## Bed Spread.

White Bed Spreads bought in October and held for this great January sale. There are three kinds, all hemmed, ready for use. Come and see them and you will feel that you should at least buy one-half dozen.  
150 10-4 White Spread, all hemmed, ready for use, well worth 60c, at 49c.  
128 11-4 \$1 White Spread, all hemmed, ready for use, for this sale 75c.  
58 11-4, extra heavy \$1.50 White Quilt, one of the best values ever shown by any firm, \$1.19.

## Domestics.

Extra heavy unbleached cotton, full yard wide, 5c yard.  
Fine yard wide Bleached Muslin, nameless, but one of the best made, 6c.  
9-4 Bleached Sheet, five pieces in this lot, as long as it lasts, 15c yard.  
Fine Woad Blankets, extra size, silk bound, \$3.98 pair.  
Fine Comfortables, filled with white cotton, as good as homemade, \$1.89, \$1.48.

## 210 Flannelette Wrappers, made in one style, in eight different colorings, bound seams, well worth \$1; for this great JANUARY SALE 79c. Sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40.

## HART DAVIS, NO. 45 NORTH STREET.

## WILL Exchange city residence for small farm near Middletown. Address: REUBEN H. BOX 21, Middletown.

WILL Mr. John Moore call at this office and credit.

## BILLSIDE CEMETERY CORPORATION.

The Orange County Trust and Safe Deposit Company will honor the coupons for interest on certificates of indebtedness of Billside Cemetery Corporation, maturing Dec. 30, 1898.

JAMES G. HARDING, Secretary. 2705151515

HOMES Wanted for Boys—Families willing to offer a good home to a friendly boy of any age, from infancy to ten years, and who will serve as a member of the family, and give it such care and training as will fit it for a life of self-support and usefulness, are invited to correspond with

THE CHARITIES AND ASSOCIATION, 134 Broadway, 106 East 23d St., New York City.

## COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

NAVIGANT received the tax warrant for the town of Walkill, I will receive taxes, beginning on Friday, Dec. 20th, 1898, and for thirty days thereafter at one percent, as my readers, at Van Burenville, N. Y., at the following dates, when I will be at the place named:

Friday, Dec. 23d, at hotel of M. S. Askew, Fair Oaks, N. Y.

Tuesday, Dec. 27th, 1898, at King's Hotel, Rowley, N. Y.

Friday, Dec. 30th, at Orange County Trust and Safe Deposit Co. Bank.

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1899, at hotel of Thomas Hennessey, Clevelands, N. Y.

Thursday, Jan. 5th, 1899, at store of John Hatch, Scotchtown, N. Y.

Friday, Jan. 6th, 1899, at hotel of L. V. Bader, in Phillipsburgh, N. Y.